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L. UNAMIR COMMANDER DALLAIRE GAVE FLATEN AN UPDATE ON THE RWANDA POLITICAL/MILITARY SITUATION THIS AFTERNOON.

CEASEFIRE

2. DALLAIRE SAID THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE RPF

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WAS PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT A CEASEFIRE TODAY, IN SPITE OF ALL THE PRESS STORIES FROM TANZANIA AND ZAIRE. HE PLANS TO PRESS THE ISSUE WITH BOTH PARTIES MAY 7 WITH SRSG BOOH OOH WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON THE RESUMED FLIGHT FROM NAIROBI.

3. DALLAIRE SAID HE KNEW THAT THE RPF HAD BEEN IN KINSHASA RECENTLY. THEY SENT A DELEGATION TO MOBUTU TO TRY TO PERSUADE HIM TO KEEP ZAIRE OUT OF THE BATTLE, OBVIOUSLY FEARING THAT MOBUTU MIGHT DECIDE TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT. DALLAIRE IMPLIED THAT THE RPF WAS TRICKED INTO A CEASE FIRE SIGNATURE BY MOBUTU.

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4. DALLAIRE IS ENCOURAGED BY THE RESPONSE HE HAS RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK TO HIS REVISED PLAN. HE ADDED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE A COMMUNICATIONS UNIT OF ABOUT 200 MEN, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA HAS ANNOUNCED THE

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AVAILABILITY OF 1300 TO 1500 MEN TO UNAMIR.

AIRPORT OPEN

5. DALLAIRE SAID HE WILL OPEN THE AIRPORT MAY 7 FOR A C-130 FLIGHTFOR A MEDEVAC OF ONE OF HIS PERSONNEL INJURED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT AND TO BRING SRSG BOOH BOOH BACK TO KIGALI.

6. THE GENERAL HAS NOT COMPLETED HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT OF MAY 6, BUT NOW BELIEVES THAT THE SHOTS THAT HIT THE PLANE COULD HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTAL, AS THE AIRPORT COULD HAVE BEEN SIMPLY CAUGHT IN CROSSFIRE. BUT HE HAS NOT RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE IS A RENEGADE UNIT OUT THERE TRYING TO SEND HIM A MESSAGE.

MILITARY PROSPECTS

7. DALLAIRE NOW EXPECTS THE RPF TO MAKE A MAJOR ATTACK ON THE KANOMBE ARMY POST JUST TO THE EAST OF THE AIRPORT IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. IF THEY CAN'T OVERRUN IT, THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO SEAL IT OFF, THEN MAKE A SWEEP TO THE SOUTH, CIRCLING AROUND KIGALI TOWARD GITARAMA. THE RPF IS WITHIN 300 METERS OF THE KEY ROAD JUNCTION BETWEEN KIGALI AND

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GITARAMA; DALLAIRE THINKS THAT THEY CAN CLOSE THE ROAD AT ANY TIME, THEREBY CUTTING OFF KIGALI FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

8. THE GOR HAS GONE OUT AGAIN TO RECRUIT MASSIVELY AS MANY AS 50,000 NEW RECRUITS. THREE NEW BATTALIONS HAVE BEEN TRAINED, PUT IN UNIFORMS AND SENT OFF TO THE WEST TO

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DEFEND GITARAMA. DALLAIRE BELIEVES THAT THE RPF COULD HAVE PREVENTED THEIR DEPARTURE FROM KIGALI. SINCE THE RPF DID NOT, THEIR STRATEGY MUST BE TO LET AS MANY FORCES OUT OF KIGALI AS POSSIBLE, THEN CHOKE OFF THE CAPITAL. THE RPF APPARENTLY HAS ABANDONED ITS INTENTION TO ATTACK RUHENERI AND GISENYI. COMMENT: THIS IS NO LONGER THE QUICK VICTORY STRATEGY THAT THE RPF WAS TELLING US ABOUT IN EARLY APRIL. END COMMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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